Staff position in major ports and dock labour boards

2995. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of sanctioned posts in Class I, II, III and IV in Major Ports and Dock Labour boards (Port-wise) which are lying vacant/not filled up by December 1993.

(b) what is the number of employees among the above categories who have taken voluntary retirement, portwise in Major Ports and Dock Labour Boards by December, 1993;

(c) what is the total amount saved portwise in Major Ports and Dock Labour Boards by December, 1993 due to above reasons;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to fill up the vacant posts mentioned above; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The information relating to the total number of vacant posts in Class I, II, III and IV and the number of employees who have taken voluntary retirement in the above categories as on 31-12-1993 in the Major Ports and the Dock Labour Boards is given in Annexure. (See Appendix 170, Annexure No. 68)

(c) The question of savings due to vacancies in ports/voluntary retirement does not arise because the Ports/Dock Labour Boards have incurred additional expenditure on account of compensation to the employees retiring under voluntary retirement scheme.

(d) and (e) Action for filling up the vacant/unfilled posts is being taken by the Port Trusts/Dock Labour Boards as per the operational requirements.

Construction of Tea/Food Stalls at Railway Stations in Delhi

2996. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Tea Stalls/Food Stalls which have so far been built at Railway Stations of New Delhi, Delhi, Nizamuddin, Okhla; Sadar Bazar, Minto Road, Tilak Bridge Anand Vihar and Vivek Vihar under the Northern Railway; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to build more Tea Stalls/Food Stalls at these Railway Stations in the near future, if so, by when and what would be the terms and conditions for their allotment to public and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) 75 Tea/Food stalls are at present available. Since present arrangements are by and large adequate, there is no proposal for the present to increase the number of stalls.

Shipping line pan by Islamic Block

2997. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "India faces rough weather as Islamic block plans shipping line" appearing in 'The Economic Times' New Delhi dated the 21st February, 1994;

(b) if so, what is Goverment's reaction thereto;

(c) what are the implications of the proposed venture on Indian shipping interests particularly on India's

imports of crude oil and petroleum products from the Gulf countries and other goods; and

(d) whether Government are formulating any plan action; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). It is the policy of the Government of India to conclude contracts for export of Government/ Government controlled cargoes on C & F and imports on FOB basis which facilitate use of the national tonnage. With regard to imports of crude oil and petroleum products from Gulf countries, Government of India is mostly concluding contracts on FOB basis and India's own tonnage is utilised for transportation of the cargoes except for marginal shipments which are imported on C & F basis for commercial reasons. As regards implications of the Islamic joint venture on Indian shipping interests, if any, the same would be clear after the joint venture is formulated and its type, size and intent are known.

Message from the president in Reply to motion of Thanks

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have received the following message dated the 15th March, 1994 from the President:

"I have received with great satisfaction the expression of Thanks by the Members of the Rajya Sabha for the Address which I delivered to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 21st February, 1994."

MR CHAIRMAN: Now, Papers to be laid on the Table of the House—Shri Jagdish Tyter.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Limited, Calcutta and related papers

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Sir, I lay on the Table:-

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956;

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1992-93; together with the Audiors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

(2) Statement (in English ond Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5591/94]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Transport Wing) Notification G.S.R. No. 799(E), dated the 30th December, 1993, publishing the Central Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 1993, under sub-section (4) of section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT-5588/94)

II. (a) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Port Wing), under sub-